A

BRIEF ACCOUNT

OF THE

Charity School,

AT

HORSLY-DOWN,

SOUTHWARK.

INSTITUTED in the Year, 1714.

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THIS School was begun, by ſeveral Proteſtant Diſſenters of different Denominations, Miniſters, and others, in the Year 1714; that Period of ſignal Deliverance from common Danger. It was formed on thoſe Chriſtian Principles wherein they all agreed, and is conducted on the ſame Catholic Foundation, without any reſpect to Parties.

FORTY Boys were, at firſt, received into the School; the next Year, by the Smiles of an indulgent Providence, on the generous Undertaking, they were increaſed to the Number of Fifty; and the ſame Number is ſtill ſupported by this charitable Inſtitution.

THE Objects of this Charity are annually Clothed, and not only taught Reading, Writing, and Arithmetick, to fit them for civil Life, but alſo conſtantly inſtructed in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion, with a View to their Spiritual and Eternal Welfare.

IT appearing on Enquiry, that the Parents of the Children, in Compaſſion to whom this School was erected, are not only incapable of giving them Education, but alſo of procuring Subſiſtence for themſelves; this good Work, is not merely to train up ſuch Children in the Manner above repreſented, but likewiſe to furniſh them with the Means of getting their own Living, by putting them Apprentices, to good

Maſters, to whom a Premium is given by the Managers for their Encouragement.

A DESIGN of this Extent and Importance muſt be attended with conſiderable Expence; the Sources whence Supplies are derived cannot but be liable to continual Alterations, and the Number of Subſcribers have lately declined from various unavoidable Cauſes.

ON Conſiderations ſo important, they who are concerned for this valuable and ſucceſsful Inſtitution, do earneſtly recommend it to the Patronage of thoſe benevolent Perſons who wiſh to advance the Divine Glory by promoting the Happineſs of Mankind, eſpecially, of the riſing Generation, more particularly, when Atheiſm and Licentiouſneſs are making ſuch viſible and dreadful Progreſs in the Nation.

To guard the tender Minds of the Children againſt Popery, that utter Enemy to the civil and religious Liberties of Mankind, Fox's Martyrology (that excellent Book) has been given to the School, in which the Boys are obliged to read publickly at certain Times.

THAT thoſe to whom this Addreſs is reſpectfully preſented may form ſome juſt Idea of the Manner in which the Charity held up to their View is conducted, it is thought not improper to annex the following general Rules and Orders.

I. THAT

I. THAT that the School ſhall conſiſt of Fifty poor Boys to be inſtructed by one Maſter, who ſhall receive Fifty-two Pounds, Ten Shillings *per Annum*.

II. THAT twelve Managers ſhall be annually choſen by the Subſcribers, to carry on this charitable Deſign, *viz.* Six Pædo-baptiſts, and Six Anti-pædo-baptiſts; Four of which ſhall be old Managers, and Two Miniſters, who aſſiſt in carrying on the Lecture; and the Choice of the ſaid Six ſhall be made by the Managers themſelves, out of whom a Treaſurer ſhall be elected, one Year of one Denomination, the next of the other: and that the Time of Election be the ſecond *Thurſday* in *April*, when a Report ſhall be made of the State and Condition of the School; and the old, and elect Treaſurer, and Managers, ſhall meet that Day Fortnight to appoint Auditors of the Accounts of the Year paſt, and to order the Balance remaining in the Hands of the old Treaſurer to be paid into the Hands of his Succeſſor.

III. IF any one, or more of the Managers be removed by Death, or refuſe to act before the Expiration of the Year, the Reſt of the Managers ſhall have Power to chooſe others in their Room.

IV. THAT the Treaſurer for the Time being ſhall give Bond to Four of the Managers, to employ what Money he ſhall receive, as the Majority of the Managers ſhall direct, and pay

what Monies remain in his Hands, at the Expiration of the Year, to the ſucceeding Treaſurer.

V. THAT no Boys be admitted into the School under Nine Years of Age, nor any who are not capable of reading a Chapter in the New Teſtament: but if not ſo qualified, the Managers ſhall have a Diſcretionary Power to put any Number of Boys, not exceeding Six, to a Miſtreſs, and pay for their Schooling for Three Months, and if not qualified then, the Preſenter to have a Right of nominating another Boy.

VI. THAT no Boys be taken into the School but by the Managers, and that the Character and Neceſſity of the Parents be teſtified by one or more of the Subſcribers; every Object ſhall be minuted down, and taken in, in Courſe, as Vacancies happen, without Reſpect of Perſons; and that the Miniſters who carry on the Lecture, and Subſcribers, who continue to pay their Subſcriptions, ſhall have a Right, in their Turns, to preſent Boys to be taken into the School; the Miniſters, and thoſe who ſubſcribe Forty Shillings *per Annum*, or upwards, to preſent Two, and thoſe who ſubſcribe a leſs Sum to preſent One, leaving it ſtill with the Managers to judge whether the Boys are proper Objects. The Right of preſenting to go by Seniority of ſubſcribing, provided the Subſcriptions are paid to the laſt Year.

VII. On every Vacancy in the School, the Managers without Delay, ſhall ſend Notice thereof in Writing, to the Perſon who hath the

the Right of the next Preſentation; and if he neglects, or doth not preſent a fit Object within Three Meetings of the Managers, not leſs than one Week diſtant, (provided he hath due Notice of each Meeting) then the next Subſcriber in Courſe ſhall make his Preſentation, and ſo on.

VIII. THAT Books be kept, in which ſhall be inſerted all the Subſcribers Names, the Sums they ſubſcribe, the Time they preſented, the Names of all the Boys, their ſeveral Ages when taken in, by whom recommended, and alſo when diſcharged, with the Reaſon or Reaſons thereof.

IX. THAT no Boy be continued in this School after Fourteen Years of Age.

X. THAT when any Boy is fit to put Apprentice, if the Subſcriptions are ſufficient, the Managers may aſſiſt in putting them to a proper Trade and Maſter, with this Limitation, that, not above Forty Shillings ſhall be given with any one Boy. And if any Boy is put Apprentice to his Parents, there ſhall be no Allowance, unleſs the Managers ſhall ſee real Neceſſity for it.

XI. THAT no Boy, when of Age, be continued a Supernumerary longer than Three Months, and if not provided with a Maſter in that Time, ſhall be excluded the Benefit of what the School allows.

XII. THAT the Fifty Boys be cloathed annually at the Direction of the Managers; and that, on the firſt convenient Day, a Sermon

ſhall be preached and a Collection made on the Occaſion; beſides which there ſhall be a Collection made at the Lecture, once in Six Weeks.

XIII. THAT the Boys be ſupplied by the Managers with all neceſſary Books, *viz.* Spelling Books, Teſtaments, Catechiſms, Pſalm-Books, Writing and Cyphering Books, convenient Firing, and all other Things proper for the School.

XIV. THAT a Catechiſm be printed for the Uſe of the School, agreeing with the Aſſembly's, the Ninety-fifth Queſtion, referring to Baptiſm being ommitted.

†††† A Copy of the following Orders are given to the Parent of each Boy at their Admiſſion.

ORDERS, to be ſtrictly obſerved by Parents, whoſe Children are admitted.

I. THAT the Parents take Care of the good Behaviour of their Children while at Home, and either correct them for their Faults themſelves, or acquaint the Maſter with them.

II. THAT the Parents do not detain their Children from the School, in School-hours, except in Caſe of Sickneſs.

III. THAT they ſend their Children clean waſhed and combed.

IV. THAT if any Parents apprehend their Child is either neglected, or ſeverely treated by the Maſter, they are to make their Complaints to the Managers.

V. THAT

V. THAT the Parents take Care their Children attend at the School every Lord's Day, a Quarter before Ten in the Morning, and Half paſt Five in the Evening; alſo that they attend Public Worſhip in the Afternoon, at the Meeting appointed, a Quarter of an Hour before Service begins: every Neglect will be puniſhed.

VI. THAT if any Boy is diſmiſſed from the School for diſobeying theſe Orders, or for Truancy, bad Words, Lying, or other Miſconduct, or is removed by his Parents without the Conſent of the Managers, ſuch Boys Cloaths ſhall be returned, or the Parents pay *Forty Shillings* to the Treaſurer for the Time being.

N. B. Such as are diſpoſed to leave any Part of their perſonal Eſtate, by Will, for the Benefit of the School, are deſired to do it in the following Form.

Item. I *A B*, do give and bequeath the Sum of unto the Treaſurer for the Time being, of the *Proteſtant Diſſenting Charity-School*, at *Horſlydown*, *Southwark*, inſtituted in the Year 1714, the ſaid Sum of to be paid within Months next after my Deceaſe, out of my perſonal Eſtate, to be applied to the Uſes and Purpoſes of the ſaid School.

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